



Western Australia Police

East Metro Crime Prevention Newsletter

"Bringing the Community Together"



East Metro Graffiti Focus

How to tackle the issues associated with graffiti vandalism is still high on the agenda for most of the stakeholders within the metropolitan area. This was evident when the East Metro Crime Prevention Unit held a "Graffiti Collaboration" on January 15th at the Midland Town Hall. Representatives from many of the local government agencies along with Office of Crime Prevention, UWA, Swan Tafe and WA Police attended.

The focus of the meeting was to encourage a collective approach to dealing with graffiti. Many different strategies were discussed ranging from a "zero tolerance" approach, education packages for schools to channelling the energies of offenders into more positive areas.

It was highlighted that ANY writing, drawing, etching etc on people's property, including council and commercial property, without the owner's consent is a crime. Regardless of any "art" perspective or self-expression it is an offence and punishable by law. It is also an offence to be in possession of graffiti implements which include pens, markers, spray cans etc.

A strong policing perspective was presented highlighting the links between graffiti offenders and more serious crimes. Graffiti has evolved to include not only those who seek to express their artistic talents but many who are intent on damaging as much property as possible.

There are a number of strategies already in place to target graffiti with many more planned for implementation in the near future.

The entire community needs to be involved to tackle this problem including reporting any damage, suspicious persons or people seen doing graffiti. Any information should be reported to the graffiti hotline 1800 44 22 55 and check out the "Goodbye Graffiti" website. There are rewards for any information leading to the prosecution of an offender.

Goodbye Graffiti
\$1000 Rewards

If you provide information which leads to the arrest or caution of a graffiti offender, you could be rewarded up to \$1000.

Contact the Goodbye Graffiti hotline:
1800 44 22 55

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Vale Notice

Hans Heystraten passed away on Friday the 27th of February. Hans dedicated much of his time over many years to Neighbourhood Watch in the East Metro district working tirelessly organising newsletters, community involvement and keeping NHW alive. He was very passionate about helping people and will be sadly missed by all.

The School Volunteer Program



Mentor Peter Scandrett

Volunteer Mentors assisting WA children by being Positive Role Models

The School Volunteer Program is proving that people in our communities are 'making a difference' to the lives of many, many school students throughout Western Australia.

The program currently has over 1200 volunteers being mentors and role models to

children in over 250 schools, both primary and secondary across the vast state of WA.

These children are identified as having difficulty coping with formal education and are classed as "at risk" of falling behind their peers in achieving the required educational outcomes and meeting acceptable social standards.

The volunteer mentors assist their child on a one-to-one basis by encouraging and guiding them to achieve their full potential by increasing their self esteem and by developing improved life skills which ultimately enhances their quality of life.

Many aspects of schooling and social life have changed over the last few decades and many children find themselves without positive role models in their everyday lives.

The volunteer mentors fill this gap for these children who may not otherwise receive this very important one-to-one guidance and care on a regular and ongoing basis.

The children learn from their volunteer mentors and the mentors also learn from the children about the issues they face in this generation.

"Role Models are not always Mentors.....but Mentors are ALWAYS Role Models."

This award winning program not only assists the children of Western Australia but also promotes the value of seniors and retired people in our community and is providing a very valuable resource by including further community involvement in our schools.

*If you would like more information on the program or can spare an hour per week to assist a child in a school in your area, please contact **Christine Gray** at the **School Volunteer Program on 9444 8646.***

Police v School Basketball Tournament

The Police basketball team is in training for the 2009 High School Challenge.....with one win already against Kalamunda. The games are played at various high schools within the East Metropolitan District during the school lunch break.

Last year the competition was heating up with Police keeping their unbeaten record to the end.

These games provide a great way for the students to interact with Police in a friendly.....but competitive way. After the game is over, Inspector Munnee from East Metro District Office chats with the students about a number of issues.

If you would like your high school to be involved, please contact 9250 4199



Neighbourhood Watch Update



Neighbourhood Watch is gaining momentum as the issue of safety is becoming more of a concern for the community. We are pleased to welcome two new suburb managers to the East Metro district.

Hugh Butler is the new suburb manager for Swan View. Hugh has many years experience with SES in the eastern states and managing similar programs. Hugh and his wife Lola are very keen to get the residents involved in Swan View.

Ernie Kerrison is the new suburb manager for Lockridge and Beechboro supported by his wife Sharon. Ernie has been very proactive and signed up most of the neighbourhood with a positive response and a reduction of crime evident in the area already.

Neighbourhood Watch is a great way to improve the safety of your suburb and assist police with providing information about any suspicious behaviour/vehicles/persons etc.

Would like to become an active member including a street representative, area coordinator, suburb managers or volunteer in your area? "Becoming a Neighbourhood Watch member is a great way to become more involved in your suburb, local community or town and to help prevent crime in your community". For further information please call **9356 0555**.

Midnight Basketball

The planning for the Midnight Basketball tournament is well under way with the competition expected to start early in May.

The tournament includes not only the basketball competition but a healthy meal, life skills workshops, uniforms and mentors are also provided.

This is a great opportunity for the Midland community to become involved even if you don't know anything about

Many volunteers are required to assist with meals, laundry, supervision, scoring and general interaction with the players. Also opportunities exist to learn skills such as umpiring and coaching.

Anyone wishing to become involved in either the committee, volunteering or providing local business support, please phone the East Metro Crime Prevention Unit on 9250 4199 for further information.



Special Thanks for Senior Community Support

We would like to thank Daniel from **KEYWEST LOCK SERVICE** – Inglewood for continuing to support Project Deadlock. This project is aimed at making our senior citizens, who have been a victim of crime, feel more secure in their homes. Without the continuing support of business's such as **KEYWEST LOCK SERVICE** and **LOCKWOOD** (ASSA ABLOY) assistance such as this would not be available.



Overview of “Hot Spot” Suburbs

(week ending 8th March)

Ballajura

There was a total of 6 offences including 4 burglaries. **HOT SPOT** locations were Illawarra Crescent and Torndirrup Place.

Bassendean

Six offences all of which were burglaries. The burglaries occurred mainly during the day with the **HOT SPOT** area being around Second and Fourth Avenues.

Beechboro

Eight offences occurred, including 5 burglaries, 2 graffiti and 1 steal motor vehicle. The **HOT SPOT** area being between Darwin Crescent, Danube Avenue and Amazon Drive.

Darlington

Five offences, 3 of which were graffiti. **Beenong Rd** was hit

with 2 graffiti offences and a burglary.

Kalamunda

A total of 5 burglaries mainly on commercial premises.

Malaga

Eight burglaries all on commercial properties.

Midland

A total of 8 offences including 3 burglaries, 2 graffiti offences and 2 steal motor vehicles. The **HOT SPOT** locations are bordered by Templeton Place, The Crescent and Sampson Close, also Ferguson and Ewart Streets.

The Vines

A number of offences have occurred on **Verdello Drive** including 3 burglaries and a stealing of a motor vehicle.

Wattle Grove

The main type of offence in this area was stealing of motor vehicles, 3 offences and 1 burglary.

OFFENCE TRENDS

Offenders are now targeting off-road motor bikes (quad & trail) as they are not easily identifiable. If you own one, ensure it is kept secure, do not leave the keys in it and either get it engraved or registered.

Another tip—hide your keys and wallet when at home, instead of leaving them on a bench in full view.

Only the suburbs with four or more offences has been reported here.

Please remember to lock all your doors and windows, keep valuables out of sight and report ANY suspicious behaviour.



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The East Metro Crime Prevention Unit is dedicated to working with the community to prevent crime. This is achieved by providing intervention programs for target groups when areas of concern are identified, increasing awareness with personal safety advice, patrolling of “hotspots” and assisting with community needs.

The East Metro Crime Prevention Unit is producing this newsletter as an initiative to “bring the community together” in a collective approach to encourage all residents, businesses and groups to work jointly in crime prevention.

For police attendance call 131 444

Emergencies call 000

There are many groups and individuals doing great things within the local area, however many work in isolation or address only certain aspects of a situation. We all have a common purpose, which is to provide a safe environment for all, and if we achieve our aim to bring everybody together the positive outcomes will be enormous.

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, or provide details of the services/programs in which you may be involved please contact us.